352.0742B
B39
c.2

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Bedford,

For the Financial Year Ending March, 1871.

MANCHESTER:
WILLIAM H. FISK'S PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1871.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1870 AND 1871.

Town of Bedford in account with Daniel Barnard, Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1871. Dr.

Paid old orders of 1869,	$791 47	
" " drawn to March 12, 1870,	4,944 03	
State tax,	2,466 00	
County tax,	777 79	
School money, in part,	1,123 57	
J. H. Stevens, school house tax in part for District No. 1,	229 90	
Cash on hand,	1,477 34	
Due from Collector, for 1870.	3,854 68	
		$15,064 78

Cr.

Assets from Treasurer of 1869,	$3,750 17	
Amount of tax assessed for 1870,	8,240 12	
School house tax in District No. 9,	814 72	
do do do No. 1,	700 29	
Savings Bank tax,	1,065 99	
Railroad tax,	206 62	
Literary fund,	73 37	
United States bounty,	126 40	
Received of James T. Kendall, collector of 1868,	50 00	
Received of James T. Kendall, collector,	37 10	
		$15,064 78

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL BARNARD, Treasurer.

Bedford, March 2, 1871.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid—

Charles H. Moore, for services as Selectman, in 1869,	$74 00
Samuel E. Morrison, do do do	67 00
Horace Holbrook, do do do	60 00
John Hodgman, for services as Town Clerk and recording Births and Deaths and notifying Jurors and stamps,	38 56
John Hodgman, for services as Collector in 1869,	120 00
Daniel Barnard, do Town Treasurer,	40 00
Albert Flint, do Constable,	5 00
Nathan Cutler, for damage to sleigh,	5 00
Peter Kean, for damage for land taken for highway,	10 00
John Kinson, for sheep killed by Dogs,	5 00
Horace Holbrook, cash paid for Town Reports,	35 00
Roger H. Vose, for damage done to cow by dogs,	30 00
C. H. Moore, cash paid for Town Officer,	2 50
Isaac N. Riddle for services as Superintending School Committee,	50 00
Horace Holbrook, cash paid for sharpening drills,	1 85
William W. Wilkins, returning Births and Deaths,	7 00
George Foster, for use of watering trough in 1869, '70,	6 00
John Hodgman, discount on taxes in 1870,	76 54
Samuel P. Duncklee, for abatement of tax,	11 72
D. C. Tolford, for damage to horse on highway,	225 00
Solomon Manning, school house tax in District No. 9,	525 32
Thomas J. Wiggin, do do No. 4,	75 00
Nathaniel Flint, abatement of part of school house tax in District No. 9,	12 10
Lucind Carley, interest on note,	36 12
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay note at Amoskeag Bank,	1,300 00
Daniel Barnard, cash paid for shingles,	108 00
Daniel Barnard, cash paid for interest on G. Nevins' note,	280 00

Daniel Barnard, paid arrearage of school house tax in 1865,	10 00
Adam Campbell, labor on town house,	10 00
John Kinson, Jr., do do	13 00
Mrs. Lee, interest on Samuel Chandler's note,	180 00
John Hodgman, for non-resident highway tax worked out,	2 58
C. F. and G. F. Shephard, for abatement of school house tax in part,	8 80
O. L. Kendall, for one days' work shinglingon town house, mending shoe for David Cheeney and for weighiug load of hay,	2 82
Daniel Barnard, cash paid S. D. Pollard for part of school house tax in No. 9,	81 44
Silas A. Riddle, for repairs on hearse,	1 00
Dan'l Barnard, cash paid committee for part of school house tax in No. 9,	193 24
James A. Parker, for assistance furnished to transient persons,	1 50
Charles H. Moore, cash paid for books and stationery,	6 72
C. H. Moore, for drawing shingles, for shingling and for cash paid for nails,	21 96
Daniel Barnard, interest on Nathaniel Flint's note,	186 90
Quincy Barnard, for boards for town house,	2 00
Charles H. Moore, for wood furnished at town house and for sawing the same,	7 75
James T. Kendall, for labor and for nails for town house,	2 60
Daniel Barnard, for drawing shingles, shingling, repairs on town house and for cash paid out,	27 74
E. C. French, abatement on dog tax in 1870,	1 00
John Goffe, calf killed by dogs,	12 00
John Hodgman, for N. R. highway tax worked out,	99
John Hodgman, abatement of taxes on his lists for 1869 and '70,	34 27
C. H. Moore, for interest on two notes up to Mar. 1. 1871,	126 90
	$3.496 45

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGFS.

Nathan Cutler, labor on highway in '67, '68 and '69,	$10 00
E. C. Stevens, labor on, and breaking roads,	5 25
William McAlister, do do	14 90
Peter Kean, do do	7 11
William Moore, repairing highway,	18 85
Michael Boynton, breaking roads,	1 60
John L. Kitteridge, repairing and breaking roads,	13 65
David R. Barnard, do do	7 00
J. E. Vose, do do	23 50
W. S. Gage, do do	29 33
W. P. Worthley, breaking roads in '69 and '70,	13 50
Horace Holbrook, lumber for bridge and labor on road,	45 78
Horace S. Campbell, breaking and repairing road,	10 20
Isaac McAlister, labor on road,	3 00
John Stevens, breaking road in 1870,	1 50
Reuben Bugbee, breaking and repairing road,	19 50
Stephen Goffe, breaking roads in 1870,	4 60
James S. Lord, do	3 85
Stilman A. Shepherd, breaking road,	15 23
Edward Mace, labor on roads,	5 50
Edward Schneider, do	12 25
A. H. Bellows, do	1 05
S. Roby, do	4 75
E. G. Newton, breaking roads,	25 00
E. C. French, do	4 80
Asa Carley, do	3 60
Milton W. Spencer, do	11 71
Bradford Beal, breaking and repairing road	14 66
B. W. Nichols. do do	11 55
W. S. Gage, labor on highway,	13 38
Milton N. Flint, labor on highway,	11 80
A. H. Bellows, repairing bridge near Mrs. Mace,	50 00
Walter Gage, breaking and repairing road,	25 00
Joseph H. Tinker, labor on roads,	32 00
Thomas G. Worthley, repairing bridge,	15 00
David Sprague, labor on road in '69, and '70,	8 04
Frederick E. Scheer labor on road,	5 00

Timothy Townsend, repairing roads,		14 24
Freeman R. French, labor on roads,		21 00
Ephraim Kendall, labor on roads in '68, '69, and '70,		15 10
Clinton French,	do	18 00
Benjamin H. Smith,	do	13 25
Jessie Wetherspoon, breaking and repairing roads,		4 00
William McAlister, labor on highway,		5 50
Timothy F. Moore,	do	2 80
P. T. Campbell,	do	7 00
David H. Barr,	do	7 00
David J. Worthley, breaking roads in 1870,		1 00
Frank P. Worthley, labor on highway,		7 00
Alfred McAfee,	do	9 00
Daniel Barnard,	do	2 00
Alford Jones,	do in 1870,	73 58
David R. Barnard,	do	3 00
C. H. Moore,	do	1 35
Walter I. Batchelder,	do	4 30
		$712 56

EXPENSES FOR SUPPORTING THE POOR.

Ephraim Snow, for boarding David Cheeney from March 1, to March 10, 1870,	4 30
Daniel Barnard, cash paid Seth Campbell for board of David Page, from Nov. 21, 1870, to Feb. 13 1871,	18 00
Daniel Barnard, paid for board of Cada children,	24 00
Daniel Barnard, cash paid Samuel Gardner for board, of David Cheeney from March 10. 1870 to Mar. 10. 1871,	157 00
Henry J. Plummer, for boarding David Page from Mar. 1, 1870 to Nov. 21, 1870, and for clothing,	64 60
Kendall & Goffe, for tobacco for David Page,	1 00
Daniel Barnard, for moving David Cheeney,	2 00
	$270 90

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford, for the year 1869.

State tax,	$2,466 00
County tax,	777 79
Town tax,	3,500 00
School tax,	1,027 50
Dog tax,	91 00
School house tax in District No. 9,	800 00
do do 1,	676 53
do do 4,	75 00
Percentage.	341 31
	$9.755 13

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

School house tax, District No. 4,	75 00
do do 9,	800 00
do do 1,	676 53

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	$114 70	District No. 8,	119 02
2,	156 39	9,	67 38
3,	108 95	10,	93 81
4,	178 99	11,	35 56
5,	82 60	12,	65 37
6,	109 61	13,	27 61
7,	114 53		
			$1,274 50

School tax in 1870 was raised as follows:

School tax,	$1'027 50
Literary fund,	55 00
Railroad tax,	179 00
Dog tax,	13 00
	$1,274 50

Total amount of orders drawn since March 12, 1870,		
Incidental expenses,	$4,141 62	
Highways and Bridges,	712 56	
Support of the poor,	270 90	
		$5,125 08

Whole amount assessed,		$9,755 13
In the hands of treasurer March 1, 1870,		3,750 17
		$13,505 30
Deduct money paid out on orders drawn since March 1, 1870,		5,135 70
		$7,369 60
Deduct state tax paid by treasurer,	$2,466 00	
county tax, do	777 79	
part of school house tax in District No. 1, now due,	446 63	
		$3,690 42
		$3.679 18
Estimated amount due on outstanding orders and town officers,		$650 00
Available means in hands of the treasurer,		3,029 18
Amount of notes, March 1, 1870,	10,485 80	
From which deduct amount in hands of treasurer,	3,029 18	
Leaving a balance against the town of		$7,456 62
Amount of town debt, March 1, 1870,		$8,692 08
do do March 1, 1871,		7,456 62
Amount which the debt has been reduced the past year,		$1,236 46

TOWN NOTES DUE MARCH 1, 1871.

To whom due.	Date of Note.	Principal.	Int. due.	Amount.
Eugene Gage,	March 1, 1870,	$298 30.	$17 90	$316 20
Edward Gage,	March 1, 1870,	298 30.	17 90	316 20
C. H. Moore,	Sept. 1, 1869,	600 00.		600 00
C. H. Moore,	Jan. 24, 1870,	600 00.		600 00
Benjamin Nichols,	Feb. 12 1870,	283 70.	23 89	306 59
N. Flint,	Mar. 22, 1866,	1,000 00.		1,000 00
Mrs. Carley,	Nov. 12, 1866,	602 12.	10 83	612 83
P. T. Campbell,	Nov. 5, 1866,	100 00.	28 65	128 65
G. Nevins,	Nov. 22, 1867,	2,500 00.	53 33	2,553 33
S. Chandler,	Feb. 13, 1870,	3,000 00.	12 00	3,012 00
G. Nevins,	Sept. 1, 1868,	1,000 00.	40 00	1,040 00
				$10,485 80

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MOORE,
HORACE HOLBROOK,
WILLIAM P. WORTHLEY,
} Select men of Bedford.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

Of the Town of Bedford for the year 1870-71.

Success has attended the schools generally during the yea just closed. The average attendance is about up to that of the year previous, but shows some falling off from the year '68—'69. The teachers have fulfilled their duties in most cases with acceptance, and good harmony has prevailed, so far as known, between parents, teachers and scholars.

By a vote of the selectmen and superintendent of schools, Districts Nos. 1 and 10 were united together, and also Nos. 9 and 13. The districts thus united have erected neat and commodious school houses, in central locations, longer terms are afforded the schools, and a new impulse given to the interest in education among the people. The citizens of other districts should consider whether the condition of their schools might not be in like manner improved by consolidation. Scattered forces are seldom very effective.

The superintendent has been pleased, in his visits among the schools, to observe quite a number of scholars of decidedly superior intellectual capacity, and whose progress shows the formation of studious habits and a desire to learn. He cannot but express his regret that no provision is made *in the town* for the farther advancement of these young people, whose parents, in many cases, cannot send them away from home, and they are hence obliged to quit school just as they are becoming interested in their studies, and fitted for the higher branches of a thorough English education. What we need is a graded school;

and no better investment of funds could be made than such as would secure an institution of this kind. Knowledge is power: and that system of public instruction which secures to the rising generation the best facilities for intellectual culture, should be adopted as sound in philosophy, and as affording a sure foundation for political economy.

The teachers generally have sustained themselves well, and fulfilled the expectations given at their examination by the superintendent. Several of them have been fitted for their work by previous experience and are well known as acceptable teachers in the town. Those who made their first attempt, gave good promise of future usefulness in their vocation.

The examinations were, in general, satisfactory.

The following figures, from the registers, may be interesting to compare with the report of last year, and as showing the presen status in the several departments of study.

DISTRICT No. 1—10.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Jennie M. Heald,
Winter " " Mrs. E. A. Stevens.

	Sum. term	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	7	24
" scholars,	19	34
" " in Reading,	19	34
" " in Spelling,	19	34
" " in Penmanship,	12	29
" " in Arithmetic,	12	34
" " in Grammar,	3	13
" " in Geography,	9	12
" " in Composition,	3	10
" " in History,	1	6
" " in Algebra,		3

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term, teacher, Mrs. E. A. Stevens.
" " " Miss A. E. Shedd.

Number of weeks,	10	12
" scholars,	20	24
" " in Reading,	20	24
" " in Spelling,	20	24

	Sum. term.	Win. term.
" " in Penmanship,	13	18
" " in Arithmetic,	20	24
" " in Grammar,	4	12
" " in Geography,	11	10
" " in Composition,	5	0
" " in History,	1	0
" " in Philosophy,	0	1

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Ida A. Leighton.
Autumn " " Miss Fannie A. Darrah.
Winter " " Miss Jennie L. M. Dole.

	Sum. term.	Autumn term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	12	10	5 1-5
" scholars,	15	18	13
" " in Reading,	15	18	13
" " in Spelling,	13	16	11
" " in Penmanship,	7	9	7
" " in Arithmetic,	9	12	10
" " in Grammar,	2	3	5
" " in Geography,	2	7	5
" " in Composition,	2	3	2
" " in History,	2	2	2

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer, Autumn and Winter terms taught by Miss L. C. Rundlett.

	Sum. term.	Autumn term.	Wint. term.
Number of weeks,	8	8	8
" scholars,	28	24	23
" " in Reading,	28	24	23
" " in Spelling,	28	20	23
" " in Penmanship,	10	11	16
" " in Arithmetic.	16	16	19
" " in Grammar,	8	7	8
" " in Geography,	13	13	10
" " in Composition,	1	0	3
" " in History,	3	0	0

		Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of scholars, in Algebra.	1	0	0
" " in Physiology,	1	0	2
" " in Philosophy,	2	0	0

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term. teacher, Miss Emma J. Hodgman.
Winter " " " " "

	Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks.	8	7 2-5
" scholars,	16	15
" " in Reading,	16	15
" " in Spelling,	16	14
" " in Penmanship,	8	12
" " in Arithmetic,	13	14
" " in Grammar,	6	7
" " in Geography,	7	7
" " in Composition,	1	3

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term, teacher, Miss A. M. Fitzpatrick,
Winter, " " " "
" " " " Susie Page.

Number of weeks,	10	15
" scholars,	13	26
" " in Reading,	12	26
" " in Spelling,	13	26
" " in Penmanship,	7	13
" " in Arithmetic,	8	22
" " in Grammar,	0	3
" " in Geography,	3	8
" " in Book-keeping,	0	3

REMARK.—Miss Fitzpatrick having taught eight weeks of the winter term was obliged to relinquish the school on account of sickness. Miss Susie Page taught the remaining seven weeks.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term, teacher, Mrs. Fannie A. Averill.
Winter " " Miss Mary Campbell.

Number of weeks,	8	9
" scholars,	20	26

	Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of scholars, in Reading,	20	26
" " in Spelling,	20	26
" " in Penmanship,	12	20
" " in Arithmetic,	14	22
" " in Grammar,	4	7
" " in Geography,	10	11
" " in Composition,	3	0
" " in History,	2	0
" " in Book-keeping,	0	1
" " in Algebra,	0	1

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Sarah E. Tinker.
Winter " " " "

Number of weeks,	11	10
" scholars,	25	28
" " in Reading,	25	28
" " in Spelling,	25	28
" " in Penmanship,	17	22
" " in Arithmetic,	19	25
" " in Grammar,	1	5
" " in Geography,	15	18

DISTRICT No. 9—13.

Summer term, teacher, Miss M. Gilmore,
Winter " " Miss A. Lizzie Tolles,

Number of weeks,	*	8
" scholars,		26
" " in Reading,		26
" " in Spelling,		26
" " in Penmanship,		11
" " in Arithmetic,		22
" " in Grammar,		13
" " in Geography,		13
" " in Composition,		6
" " in Algebra,		3
" " in Philosophy,		1

* No return of Summer term.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term, teacher, Miss L. M. Dudley,
Winter " " "

Number of weeks,	8	8 1-2
" scholars,	15	23
" " in Reading,	13	20
" " in Spelling,	15	23
" " in Penmanship,	8	13
" " in Arithmetic,	8	16
" " in Grammar,	3	7
" " in Geography,	5	9
" " in Composition,	1	11
" " in History,	1	2

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Autumn term, teacher, Miss Hattie E. Bailey,
Winter " " "

Number of weeks	7	10
" scholars,	17	11
" " in Reading,	17	10
" " in Spelling,	17	10
" " in Penmanship,	9	5
" " in Arithmetic,	15	9
" " in Grammar,	1	2
" " in Geography,	8	5
" " in Algebra,	1	1

SUMMARY.

Whole number of Scholars,	214	249
do do in Reading,	189	245
do do in Spelling,	186	245
do do in Penmanship,	103	166
do do in Arithmetic,	134	217
do do in Grammar,	32	82
do do in Geography,	83	108
do do in Composition,	16	35
do do in History,	9	10
do do in Algebra,	3	8
do do in Philosophy,	2	2
do do in Physiology,	0	2
do do in Book-keeping,	0	4

Respectfully submitted,

IRA C. TYSON, Supt. School Committee.

Bedford, N. H., March 6, 1871.